

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A smoking article comprising a rod of smokable material wrapped in a wrapper, and having a first end suitable only to be lit in use and an opposite second end suitable only for placement in a smoker's mouth in use, the said rod comprising at least two discrete smokable segments joined in substantially end-to-end abutment, one of the segment[[s]] adjacent said second end comprising an encapsulated flavourant incorporated within a component of the smokable material thereof, and the segment having said first end being devoid of any encapsulated flavourant in the smoking material thereof.
2. (Original) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein the rod of smokable material comprises only two segments.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the said~~ segment adjacent said second end is the only segment of said smoking article containing encapsulated flavourant therein.
5. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the said~~ encapsulated flavourant is ~~one or more of the following selected from the group consisting of~~ menthol, cocoa, *Mentha arvensis*, vanillin, ethylvanillin, ethyl vanillin glycoside, ionone, damascenone, C₉ to C₁₂ lactones, or mixtures thereof.
6. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the said~~

flavourant is encapsulated in a polysaccharide, a starch, a cyclodextrin, or an adsorbent.

7. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein an inert material is ~~applied onto the~~ present on said encapsulated flavourant to reduce particulate matter delivered to the consumer during smoking of the said smoking article.

8. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 7, wherein the said inert material is a carbonate.

9. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein the said smokable material comprises reconstituted tobacco material.

10. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 9, wherein the said encapsulated flavourant is incorporated within the said reconstituted tobacco material of said segment adjacent said second end.

11. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 9, wherein the said reconstituted tobacco material constitutes 20-50% of the smokable material of a segment.

12. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 9, wherein the said reconstituted tobacco material comprises tobacco dust, the said tobacco dust constituting 30-70% of the said reconstituted tobacco material.

13. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 9, wherein the said reconstituted tobacco smokable material is ~~formed by an~~ extrusion process extruded rod.

14. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein the said encapsulated flavourant is included in an amount of 200 to 50,000 parts per million.

15. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein the

length of each discrete segment is 10-90% of the total length of the said rod of smokable material.

16. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 15, wherein the length of each discrete segment is 40-60% of the total length of the said rod of smokable material.

17. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein the said smoking article comprises a filter element adjacent said second end.

18. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the two~~ each said discrete segment[[s]] ~~are~~ is individually circumscribed by a wrapper.

19. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim [[1]]~~2~~, wherein the two discrete segments are joined by a wrapper.

20. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 19, wherein the wrapper contains indicia which indicates to the consumer the point at which the taste and aroma characteristics of the said smoking article will be modified when being smoked.

21. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 20, wherein the said wrapper is coloured.

22. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 17, wherein the said filter element is joined to a said segment ~~towards the~~ adjacent said second end of the smoking article by a wrapper.

23. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim 22, wherein the said wrapper is a conventional cigarette wrapper, a tipping wrapper, a pretipping wrapper or a plugwrap.

24. (Currently Amended) A smoking article according to Claim [[16]]1, wherein having adhesive used to secure the said wrapper, comprises said adhesive comprising an encapsulated flavourant therein.

25. (Previously Presented) A method of making a smoking article according to Claim 1, the method comprising incorporating an encapsulated flavourant within a component of a smokable material and forming the smokable material into a first segment, and joining the segment in substantially end-to-end abutment to a second segment with a wrapper to form a rod of smokable material.

26. (Original) A method according to Claim 25, wherein the encapsulated flavourant is incorporated within a reconstituted tobacco material.

27. (Original) A method according to Claim 26, wherein the reconstituted tobacco material is produced by an extrusion process.

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 25, wherein the encapsulated flavourant is encapsulated in a polysaccharide, a starch, a cyclodextrin or an adsorbent.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 25, wherein the rod of smokable material is joined to a filter element with a wrapper.

30. (Original) A method according to Claim 29, wherein the first segment is joined to the filter element with a wrapper.

31. (Original) A method according to Claim 30, wherein the second segment is joined to the first segment with a wrapper that circumscribes entirely the filter element and the first segment.

32. (Original) A method according to Claim 25, wherein the second segment is joined to the first segment by a wrapper that only partially circumscribes each of the first and second segments.

33. (Original) A method according to Claim 32, wherein the wrapper indicates to the consumer the point at which the taste and aroma characteristics of the smoking article will be modified when being smoked.

34. (Original) A method according to Claim 33, wherein the wrapper is coloured.

35. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 25, wherein the first and second segments are individually circumscribed with a wrapper.

36. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 25, wherein an encapsulated flavourant is mixed with an adhesive, the adhesive being applied to the wrapper to secure the wrapper in position.

37. (Canceled)

38. (New) A smoking article according to Claim 1 wherein said encapsulated flavourant is structured to be released during use only as the burning coal from said first end comes into contact with said encapsulated flavourant.